

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DUCHESNE - STRAWBERRY DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Pursuant to a call made by the State Engineer in compliance with Title 73, Chapter 5 Utah Code annotated 1955, a meeting of water users of the Duchesne - Strawberry Distribution System, was held with the representatives of the State Engineer's Office, in the Court Room of the Duchesne County Court House, Duchesne, Utah, on March 3, 1959.

Meeting was called to order at 4 o'clock P.M. by Elwood B. Carter, Chairman of Duchesne and Strawberry Water Users Association.

Present:

Name	Representing
Alfonzo Defa	Self
Joe Curry	Self
Leo S. Defa	Little Farm Creek Canal
Dean Powell	Self
Elton Potter	Pioneer Canal
Stephen Esauk	Knight's Canal
Theron H. Robb	Shan k Canal
Earl Wright	Broadhead Ditch
Melvin B. White	Murray-White Canal
Charlie Fabrazio	Rhoades Canal
William C. Hayes	Self
Marion Ross	Uintah Basin Irrigation Co.
T. H. Anderton	Shanks Ditch
Ralph Olsen	Strawberry River
Thomas Olsen	Strawberry River Private ditches
Charles P. Child	Duchesne
Reed Clayburn	Duchesne Irrigation Co.
Walt Redmond	Duchesne Irrigation Co.
Frank Murphy	Duchesne Irrigation Co.
Bert Sweat	Big Red Creek Ditch Co. - Fruitland
Kermit Poulson	Rocky Point Ditch Co.-Pulley Canal Co.
Arthur Rowley	Self
John Munz	Rocky Point Ditch Co.
Lloyd Remund	Rocky Point Ditch Co. & Strawberry
Harvey Gee	Rocky Point Ditch Co.
Herb Firth	Murray-White Canal
Raleigh Ivie	Strawberry River
Ivon Brown	Brown Ditch
Merlin Broadhead	East & West Rock Creek Ditch
Jerry Merkley	Rocky Point Ditch
Ed Williams	Duchesne, Utah - Private
Lloyd Roberts	Little Farm Creek
June Roberts	Farm Creek Irrigation Co.
Leo L. Brady	Pioneer Canal Co.
H. M. Cowan	Pres. Rocky Point Ditch Co.
Loren H. Mitchell	Duchesne City
R. Newell Carter	Farm Creek Irrigation Co.
F. Clark	Pioneer Canal Co. & Indian
Leland Wright	Weight Ditch
Clarence Baum	Baum and F.C.Ferron Ditches
Fred M. Hayes	Private Ditch
Emil Munz	Rocky Point Ditch Co.
Glen Remund	Strawberry River - Private ditch
C. A. Massie	U. S. Indian Service
Otto K. Weaver	U. S. Indian Service
Louie Galloway	Mgr. Moon Lake Water Users Assn.
B. O. Colton	Water Commissioner



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Donald C. Norseth

Frank Reese

Distribution Engineer,
State Engineer's Office
Chief Accountant, State Eng's. Office

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer, of the State Engineer's Office, explained that the purpose of the meeting was: (1) Hearing the financial report for 1958; (2) Making recommendations to the State Engineer as to the appointment of a Water Commissioner for the 1959 season, and as to his duties; (3) Preparing a budget of salaries and other necessary expenses of distribution; and (4) Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Mr. Carter asked that for the benefit of Secretary and Stenographer, any person making a motion or seconding a motion, give their names after being recognized by Chairman.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Louie Galloway, Secretary, read the minutes of the last annual meeting. Marion Ross made a motion that the minutes of the last annual meeting be approved as read. Charlie Fabrizio seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Frank Reese, Chief Accountant of the State Engineer's Office, presented the financial statement for the past year:

DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY
RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 1958 through DECEMBER 31, 1958

State Engineer Check Book Balance, Dec. 31, 1957	\$1,178.22
Plus Total Receipts (Jan. 1 -- Dec. 31, 1958)	6,527.48
Less Total Expenditure (Jan. 1 -- Dec. 31, 1958)	4,927.19
State Engineer Check Book Balance, Dec. 31, 1958	2,778.51
Less Known Bills Payable after Dec. 31, 1958	354.69
Unencumbered Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1958 - - - - -	-\$2,423.82

Reconciliation:

First National Bank Statement, Dec. 31, 1958	3,211.93
Less Outstanding Checks, Dec. 31, 1958	433.42
Less Known Bills Payable after Dec. 31, 1958	354.69
Unencumbered Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1958 - - - - -	2,423.82

Mr. Carter asked if there were any questions as to the expenditures for 1958.

A motion was made by Emil Munz that we approve expenditures as per the statement read. Motion was seconded by Howard Cowan and carried.

HYDROGRAPHER:

There was a discussion on the matter of the use of a hydrographer during the 1959 season.

A motion was made by Melvin White that the Commissioner be authorized to employ a hydrographer for part time service. The motion was seconded by Earl Wright. Motion carried.

CASH RESERVE TO BE CARRIED: - over \$2500.00 to be deducted for annual assessment

Mr. Carter called attention to the financial report which shows there is over \$2400 unexpended of funds assessed and collected for the 1958 Commissioner budget. He also stated that in the meeting of the Executive Committee which had been held today, action was taken to recommend to the Water Users that they authorize a reserve of \$2500, and any increase above \$2500 be applied on the Budget for the following year.

Melvin White asked what would be the purpose of holding \$2500 in reserve.

Mr. Carter stated that inasmuch as the money can be used only for the distribution of water, the reserve could be used in lean years.

Mr. Reese, State Engineer's Accountant, explained one reason for the reserve would be to have funds available at the beginning of the irrigation season to pay the expenses of operation before the current year's assessment can be levied and collected.

Marion Ross discussed the use of the reserve in taking care of some needs that might arise that we cannot foresee.

Mr. Emil Munz questioned the advisability of having as large a reserve fund as \$2500, and thought that possibly \$1000 would be enough.

There was further discussion on the matter of the reserve fund.

A motion was made by Kermit Poulson that the water users authorize a reserve of \$2500 in accordance with the proposal made by the Executive Committee. This motion was seconded by Melvin White and carried.

DELINQUENT ASSESSMENTS:

Mr. Carter stated that the State Engineer's Office had been very successful in collecting the delinquencies on assessments.

Mr. Reese explained that these delinquencies referred to were for the years 1957 and 1958, and they were almost all paid.

Clarence Baum asked if we did not authorize the State Engineer's Office to make collections on all delinquent assessments?

Mr. Reese stated that the State Engineer's Office could not make collection on delinquent assessments levied prior to the time they took over the distribution system.

WATER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

A report was given by Water Commissioner, B. O. Colton, and he made some recommendations for further work. "The matter of handling distribution of water in these streams is different than under other systems. There should be a dependable record of water that goes into every ditch. In 1957 it was never necessary to regulate diversions of water. Last year on the 13th of July he had to place diversion of water under his supervision, and this was continued for the balance of the season. There should be better records. There are eleven ditches in the system that have recorders on where the ditch leaves the river and there should be double this number at the very minimum. There are eighty ditches on the Duchesne-Strawberry distribution system. The Strawberry River is without any recorders, or measuring devices. It would reduce the overall expense if the ditches had recorders, as now the commissioner must spend more

time to measure the water.

Emil Munz made a motion that approval be given the Water Commissioner's report on distribution. Thomas Olsen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DUCHESNE COUNTY WATER USERS ASSOCIATION:

Marion Ross made a report on some work he had done for the Duchesne County Water Users. He stated that he made a tour up the Duchesne River to acquaint the users with their water rights. Duchesne County is becoming well organized for the purpose of securing good water rights. E. J. Skeen has been employed as the attorney and an engineering firm from Provo has been secured for engineering work. He would like to have the water users in the Duchesne-Strawberry system realize the importance of the things we are trying to do. There are two or three irrigation companies that would not sign. We need to organize in order that we can develop the water, and help the State of Utah. He suggested that we do everything we can to make proper use of the water. Every irrigation system and club should join the Duchesne County Water Users Association and get behind us in order that we might accomplish the work, as it is only by unity that we can accomplish the work.

WATER COMMISSIONER for 1959:

Mr. Carter stated that in the Executive Committee meeting Mr. C.A. Massie had made a motion that B. O. Colton be approved to serve as Water Commissioner for 1959, and that his name be presented to the State Engineer for approval.

Bert Sweat made the motion that B. O. Colton be approved as Water Commissioner for 1959, and his name presented to the State Engineer for approval. This motion was seconded by Charlie Fabrizio and carried.

Mr. Norseth stated that the State Engineer, Mr. Criddle, would be happy to accept the recommendation that B. O. Colton be appointed as Water Commissioner for 1959. He stated that Mr. Colton had done a very excellent job over the past years.

Copies of Financial Statement to V (7)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - DISTRICTS AND INCUMBENT MEMBERS:

Mr. Carter stated that the representatives serving on the executive committee from the various localities were as follows: Upper Duchesne River, from the steel bridge up - Elwood B. Carter; Strawberry, from the junction to the head - Glen Remund; Duchesne River from the steel bridge, down to Duchesne - John Munz; From Duchesne City down on south side - Marion Ross, and north side - Hale Holgate, with Louie Galloway as Secretary, and C.A. Massie and Otto K. Weaver representing the Indian Department.

RECESS:

Mr. Carter stated that there would be a recess for five minutes to allow the members of each district to get together and appoint a representative to serve for 1959.
Recess 5:10 p.m.

Meeting reconvened.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

~~Frank Clark~~ made the motion that the rules be suspended and the committee as at present constituted be reelected. The motion was seconded by Earl Wright and carried.

BUDGET:

Frank Reese read the budget for the coming year for discussion and approval:

DUCHESNE-STRAWBERRY RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
Tentative Budget Year 1959

1. Commissioner's Salary	\$2,000.00
2. Matching Social Security	50.00
3. Commissioner's Car Travel @ 7¢ p/mi.	100.00
4. Office Rent	170.00
5. Telephone Expense	100.00
6. Salaries: Deputy Commissioner and Gateman @ \$1.50 per hour	2,000.00
7. Matching Social Security	50.00
8. Salary, Hydrographer @ \$3.00 per hour	200.00
9. Matching Social Security	5.00
10. Deputy, Gateman and Hydrographer: Car travel @ 7¢ per mile	900.00
11. Commissioner's Annual Report	300.00
12. Miscellaneous Expense	125.00
Total	<u>\$6,000.00</u>

C. A. Massie made a motion that the budget of \$6,000 be approved as read. The motion was seconded by C. Dean Powell and carried.

AUTHORITY FOR PRORATING ASSESSMENT:

C. A. Massie made a motion that authorization be given to the State Engineer to make the 1958 water deliveries the basis for apportionment of the 1959 assessment. The motion was seconded by June Roberts. Motion carried.

MEASURING STRUCTURES:

Marion Ross recommended that the State require that those people who do not have measuring devices, to install measuring facilities.

Ed. Williams said the cost of such devices would be prohibitive for individual ditch owners.

Melvin White stated that allditches could at least have a small measuring box on their ditch.

Mr. Ross stated that the cost of the one foot Parchell flumes was about \$113. and the Uintah Basin Irrigation Company had ten of these flumes for sale.

The Indian Department reported that they had measuring devices made of wood which cost them about \$25.

It was stated that the larger ditches should put in metal measuring devices.

Measuring devices would make better records for the amount of water used, and it will be a much more acceptable record in the future to show the amount of water used. Recorders are the best for water records.

After discussion of the problems of measuring water, Marion Ross made the motion that the State Engineer encourage people to put in some type of device for the measuring of the water. The motion was seconded by Reed Clayburn and carried.

Mr. Williams spoke of the amount of silt that would accumulate in measuring devices if installed on the Strawberry River ditches.

Mr. Colton said that the problem of measuring devices suitable for Strawberry River diversions is important and that he has been aware of the condition on this stream which makes very questionable the practicability of suitable measuring structures and consideration must be given as to what can be done for distribution in this stream. It will be a difficult process, but he thinks with time and study something can probably be worked out. The State Engineer, Water Commissioner, and area representatives should give consideration to solving this problem.

Mr. Norseth asked for information on ownership of the following three rights: Truman A. Mitchell to Porter L. Merrell, (Indian) c/o Carl Ivie, to Stephen Esauk, and William Van Tassell to Myrthern Moon.


MR. C.A. MASSIE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO IN INDIAN SERVICE:

Mr. Reese stated that he did not know until this meeting that C.A. Massie was leaving Fort Duchesne. He asked that the minutes show that the State Engineer's Office regrets that Mr. Massie is leaving the Indian Service in this locality, that they have enjoyed working with him, and they regret very much losing contact with him. However, they hope to continue the same pleasant relationship with the Indian Service.

A motion was made by Melvin White that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Stephen Esauk. Motion carried.

Mr. Carter stated that the Executive Committee would meet, following this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Secretary.

CHAIRMAN

Elwood B. Carter.